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TO:

- (I) ALL OWNERS AND MASTERS OF JAMAICAN REGISTERED VESSELS
 - (II) ALL MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF JAMAICAN REGISTERED VESSELS
 - (III) PORT AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA
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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE

References: IMO resolution MSC 354(92).

Summary:

IMO adopted amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) code on 21 June 2013 vide MSC 354(92). The amendments shall enter into force on 01 January 2015.

Application:

- 1 January 2014 on a voluntary basis
- 1 January 2015 on mandatory basis.

Amendment 02-13 to the IMSBC which entered into force on voluntary basis from 01 January 2014, becomes mandatory from 01 January 2015. Amendments include new schedules for nickel ore, ammonium nitrate UN 1942 and ammonium nitrate based fertilizer UN 2071 and various updates. Ships are now allowed to carry fuel oil in tanks adjacent to cargo holds containing ammonium nitrate UN 1942 provided any heating arrangements remain disconnected for the entire voyage. It is now acceptable for ships to carry fuel oil in any tank, double bottom or pipe adjacent to cargo holds loaded with UN 2067, UN 2071 and non-hazardous ammonium nitrate based fertilizer, provided there are means to monitor and control the heating of fuel oil to no more than 50°C.

Shippers/Owners who are involved in the transport of above cargoes are required to pay particular attention to the new requirements as modifications may be required to structures and ventilation.

It is believed that the new schedule together with circulars will help in safe carriage of solid bulk cargoes.

IMO resolution MSC 354(92) - The amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code can be accessed from the [IMO Website](#).

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